

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
PIPELINE REDUCTION

Examiner: LI, Aimee J.

Art Unit: 2183

APPEAL BRIEF

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
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The applicant submits this brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§41.37(a)(1) in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal filed August
16, 2006.

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Real Party In Interest

The real party in interest is International Business
Machines Corporation.

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None.

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for claim 1. The Appellants submit that the rejection of claim 1 is improper and respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 be reversed by the honorable Board.

Claims 15 and 16

If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. 103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious. In re Fine, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

Claims 15 and 16 are dependent on and further limit claim 10. Since the rejection of claim 10 is believed improper, the rejections of claims 15 and 16 are also believed improper for at least the same reasons as claim 10.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Appellant submits that the rejections of claims 1-16 are improper and respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1-16 be reversed by the Board.

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